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Tipu armoury excavated

MP Pratap Simha inspects project site; shifting of monument from March 3; double-tracking to be ready in a month

Engineers are seen supervising the insertion of wooden planks into the iron piers to enable the translocation of Tipu armoury in Srirangapatna this morning. Picture right shows the 1000-tonne armoury placed on iron piers to be lifted so it can be moved.

MP Pratap Simha is seen interacting with Jamon Buckingham, Project Manager at the armoury site in Srirangapatna.

Mysuru, Feb. 23 (PM&BCT)- The translocation of Tipu Sultan's armoury at Srirangapatna to pave way for the double-tracking work of the Mysuru-Bengaluru railway line will begin from March 3 and the process will be completed within two days. Architects, ground engineers and monument-shifting experts have already lifted the 1000-tonne armoury up to one foot and have placed the structure on a series of iron piers for support.

Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha visited the site this morning along with railway engineers to check on the shifting work.

The MP told media persons that it would take the experts a maximum of two days to translocate the centuries-old armoury and placed about 100 metres from the double-tracking path.

The contract of translocation has been awarded to USA-based PSL-Wolfe Private Limited and New Delhi-based PSL Engineering, a joint venture company and the Railways is spending Rs. 13.5 crore to shift the historical structure. The armoury was used by Tipu Sultan to store gunpowder and weapons. It has been built in such a way that it can withstand the vagaries of weather and the gunpowder stays in a ready-to-use condition.

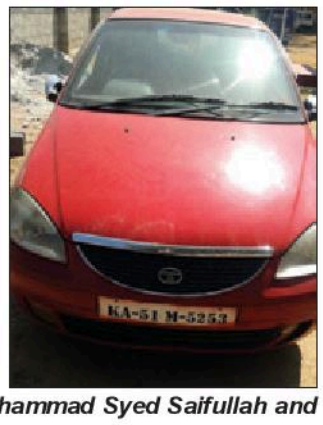
(See ARMOURY on page 8)

HOLIDAY

Our offices will remain closed tomorrow on account of *Mahashivaratri*. Hence, there will be no issue of *Star of Mysore* dated 24.2.2017. —Ed

Engineering students turn dacoits!

One of the accused was known as 'Mastermind' in his college for his brilliance



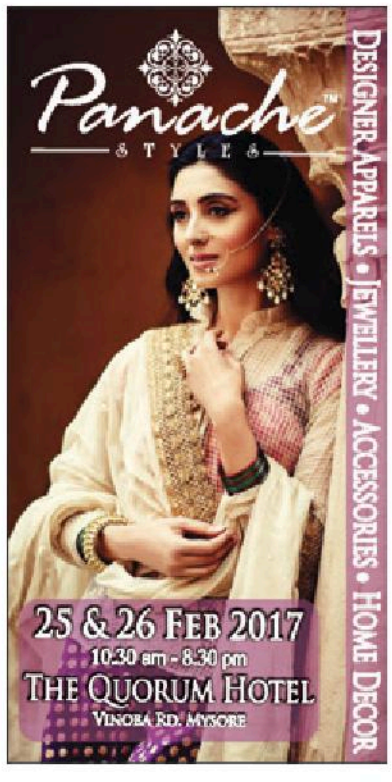
Seen in the picture are (from left) Sanath, Ismail, Mohammad Syed Saifullah and Owaiz Khan. Picture right shows the Tata Indica car used for crime.

Mysuru, Feb. 23 (RK&VNS)- The greed to possess expensive headphones drove two engineering and three diploma students in city, four of them 19-year-old and a minor, to commit crime at a young age.

The accused have been identified as Sanath (19), a resident of Old Kesare; Owaiz Khan (19), a resident of Rajiv Nagar 2nd Stage, both students of civil engineering at two prestigious engineering colleges in city, Ismail Khan (19) and Mohammad Syed Saifullah (19), both residents of Lakshar Mohalla. The other accused is a 16-year-old minor and all the three are diploma students. While the minor has been sent to remand home, the other accused have been arrested.

Sanath, one of the accused, is said to have been given the nick name 'Mastermind' by his classmates as he is a brilliant student.

(See DACOITS on page 8)



STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor-in-Chief: K.B. GANAPATHY B.A; B.L.

Mysuru, Thursday 23rd February 2017

East is East, West is West The twain *shall* meet

Over a century ago, long before the term ***multicultural*** gained currency, Rudyard Kipling (1865-1936), born in the-then-Bombay, one of the late Victorian poets and story-tellers, awarded Nobel Prize for Literature in 1907, also known for his unpopular political views, wrote a poem titled ***"The Ballad of East and West"*** whose initial line reads "East is East and West is West and ***never*** the twain ***shall*** meet." The renowned story-teller seemed to be saying that all of us are, to some extent at least, unable to adapt to the ways of others. He was himself essentially part of both cultures, according to his biographers. Triggered by Kipling's poetic line, one is prompted to ask the question, if Westerners find it hard to make the transition to the ways of the East, why would Easterners find it any easier to make the transition to the ways of the West? Especially why in the main, they don't seem to do so, although many of them emigrate to Western countries? A lot of water has flowed under the bridge since the above question was asked.

Historically, people from India have formed, lived and married within their own communities after mass immigration to foreign lands in the initial generations. Lately, episodes are taking place in large numbers witnessing Indians integrating into the societies in which they find themselves. Kipling might well have changed his line with the ending "The twain ***shall*** meet."

A close look at the ongoing makeover in the outlook of people moving away from their homeland seeking greener pastures, particularly the steadily rising exodus of Indians to the United States of America, United Kingdom, Australia and countries across Europe, unmistakably reveals the intermixing of faiths or in other words, a melange of cultures, once again representing a denial of Kipling's postulate. Slavish obedience to ancient code versus liberty and free speech is unarguably an old order yielding place to the new order of ignoring the clash of cultures, except in case of populations that continue to be under tight grip of the clerics.

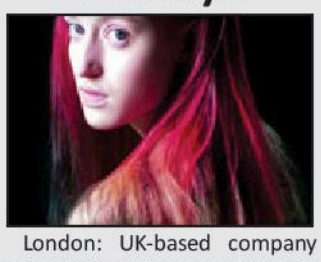
Even as common people, Indians moving overseas in particular, and also those originating from the aforementioned regions of the world are adopting and accepting each other's ways of life in general, it is only the celebrities, including bureaucrats in high posts and icons in the film world who provide ample testimony that East and West ***shall*** meet, a welcome development in human history.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

The Education Minister of Rajasthan recently made the absurd assertion that cows exhale oxygen. In truth, collecting "cow exhalation" in an oxygen cylinder and breathing it in would be as efficient a means of committing suicide as inhaling exhaust gases from a car. Cows exhale carbon dioxide like other mammals. Bovine species also contribute to global warming by emitting methane (via wind and burps). Methane (CH4) is one of the multitude of gases that can be harmful. A cow's methane emissions generate the equivalent of four tonnes of atmospheric carbon dioxide (CO2) a year. India has a huge livestock population and the long-term consequences of those emissions may be serious. But particulate pollution is more immediately lethal. Particulate pollution contributed to at least 80,665 premature deaths of adults in Mumbai and Delhi in 2015. In economic terms, air pollution is estimated to have cost the two cities around $ 10.66 billion (approximately Rs. 70,000 crore) in 2015, or about one per cent of India's gross domestic product. — *Devangshu Datta in Business Standard.*

NEWS SPARKLERS

'Magic' hair dye



London: UK-based company The Unseen, has recently revealed a revolutionary hair dye that can change between two colours whenever the temperature around the user fluctuates. This ingenious new product is called FIRE and despite being based on science, it looks like magic.

Within fashion circles, The Unseen founder Lauren Bowker is known as 'The Alchemist.' The Unseen has patented colour-changing technology that has allowed the company to create a variety of bespoke inks and coatings. These can in turn be used to create clothes and accessories that change colour depending on certain factors, like temperature and humidity. But their latest creation, FIRE – a specially formulated hair dye that causes the hair to change colour whenever the temperature fluctuates has been drawing the most attention.

'Graveyard Meditation'

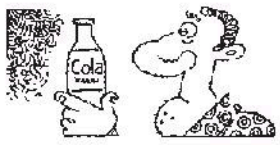
Beijing: A group of Chinese women recently made headlines after being photographed while lying in shallow graves on the outskirts of Chongqing City. It was revealed that they were taking part in a bizarre ritual called "graveyard meditation" which allegedly helps them cope with divorce.

Graveyard meditation, is the brainchild of Liu Taijie, a 30-year-old divorcee who now helps other women get over romantic breakups. After getting married at the age of 19, and having a baby at 21, Liu went through a hard divorce in 2015, after also failing to launch her own business. It was a tough time, but she managed to pull through, and she now wants to help other women understand that life goes on and they leave past behind them.

Photos taken at Liu Taijie's recent graveyard meditation class, show women lying down in shallow holes dug in the ground and lined with plastic foil, with their eyes closed and their hands in a prayer position, or on their chest. It's not clear how long they have to stay like this, but the idea behind the ritual is to simulate death, to make it easier for them to get over their pain and begin a new life.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

What makes up the flavour of Cola?



The unique flavour of a Cola soda comes primarily from vanilla and cinnamon. Other flavourings include citrus oils and sugar. Trace ingredients, such as nutmeg, may be added to give a brand its distinct flavour. The colour of Cola comes from caramel colour.

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

'Nrityavimshathi' cultural event on Shivaratri

Mysuru, Feb. 23 - As part of its 20th anniversary celebrations, Nrityagiri Performing Arts and Research Centre is conducting *Nrityavimshathi* monthly programme. This month's programme will be held on Feb. 24 at Sri Mahalingeshwara Temple in Srirampura.

On the occasion of Shivaratri the same day, Nrityagiri will hold recital of stotras by Padma and troupe from 6 pm to 6.45 pm; Bharathanatya by children from 6.45 pm to 7.45 pm, vocal concert by students of Mahathi Sangeetha Shale between 7.45 pm and 8.15 pm, Bharathanatya by students of Nataraja Nrithya Shale from 8.15 pm to 9 pm, vocal concert by Vidu. Latha Deshpande and troupe from 9 pm to 9.30 pm, by Bharathanatya by senior artistes of Nrityagiri between 9.30 pm and 12 midnight.

Dance and music concerts at Nadabrahma on Feb. 25

Mysuru, Feb. 23 - Nadabrahma Sangeeta Sabha will bring two more programmes this February. **On the 25th** of this month at 6 pm, **Mithra Naveen,** a dancer from Mysuru, will present *'Nartana Samarpana'* with her troupe. *'Nartana Samarpana'* is a journey of Bhakti through Bharathanatya. With her husband Naveen, a vocalist, Mithra has started ' Nadavidyalaya', an institution that gives qualitative education and preparation for students appearing for music and dance exam. **Naveen** provides vocal support for all her dance recitals.

On 26th February at 5.30 pm, a young vocalist with a rich voice **Sandeep Narayan** from Chennai will present a grand vocal concert with **Charulata Ramanujam** on violin and **K.U. Jayachandra Rao** on mridanga. One of the most sought-after Karnatak vocalists today, Sandeep is an 'A' grade artiste at Chennai AIR. He has broken boundaries by being the first US-born and raised musician to move to India to take up Karnatak music as a career. Sandeep has had his training from stalwarts like Calcutta Krishna Murty and Sanjay Subramanyam. A bachelor in Law and Society from the University of California, he is a visiting teacher of advanced music in the Sampradaya School of Music, Los Angeles.0

Sandeep Mithra

Really...?

- ***Tea is said to have been discovered in 2737 BC by a Chinese emperor when some tea leaves accidentally blew into a pot of boiling water. The tea bag was introduced in 1908 by Thomas Sullivan of New York.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

A TV shop salesman, while recommending a particular set, emphasised the joys of remote control: It would naturally cost more than the ordinary set but would be worth it just to relax in armchair, flicking through multi-channeled set. *"Listen son, I don't need a remote control. With 6 children, my chances of controlling my TV are already remote. I'll have the standard set,"* ***came the reply.***

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 66.91
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 83.32
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 18.22
1 Euro	= Rs. 70.69

VOICE OF THE READER

Krishnaraja Wadiyar IV, the TATA of Mysore Kingdom!

Sir,

Reading the *Abracadabra* titled ***"Paris, Here I Come — 4: The paths of glory lead but to the grave — The tomb of JRD Tata"*** in *Star of Mysore* special issue of 16.2.2017 wherein it was written how the House of TATAs have touched every home in India with their various products from pin to motor vehicles, electricity to gas, soap to oil etc., narrating in a sort of literary flourish, I was reminded of what I read in *Deccan Herald* SPECTRUM page of March 17, 2009.

It was the radio broadcast in 1938 by Sir Mirza Ismail, Dewan of Mysore and it went like this:

"... wash themselves with Mysore sandal soap, dry themselves with Mysore towels, clothe themselves in Mysore Silk, ride Mysore horses, eat the abundant Mysore food, drink Mysore coffee with Mysore sugar, build their houses with Mysore cement, Mysore timber, Mysore steel, furnish their houses with Mysore lamps and write letter on Mysore paper."

H.H. Krishnaraja Wadiyar IV, the Maharaja of Mysore, was indeed a TATA of Mysore Kingdom.

— K. Vijay Kumar
Gokulam 18.2.2017

Kudos to new version of 'SOM' website

Sir,

I was very much impressed with the new layout of *SOM* web version. It is looking smart and also helps to get info on today's and tomorrow's engagements, events, cinema, etc., which were missing in the older version.

On some days, the paper boy may not deliver the daily well before 4 pm and in such a case a reader would not be able to plan the evening engagement even if the web version was consulted in the older version. It is now a more complete eveninger.

Also the photos are more sharp and with the full complement of Archives, one can quickly refer to back issues when the same is referred to in any letter to the editor or an article. *SOM* is no doubt a shining STAR to stay for a long long time.

I have two simple questions though: Would you change the spelling to MYSURU and if so, when? If not, why?

—Prof. B.S. Shankara (Retd.)
Ramakrishnanagar
18.2.2017

NOTE: *Can't change the spelling as per law. It should remain as it was registered with the RNI. Just as in the case of changing the name of High Court is not possible along with the change of name of the city or State. Hence, it continues to be Madras High Court.* **—Ed.**

Panache's ode to fashion and style

Mysuru, Feb. 23 - *Panache*, an ode to fashion, fun, glamour and style, is studded with an impressive array of fashion architects who bridge the world of fashion industry. *Panache* is bringing its best in Fashion Jewellery, Accessories and Home Decor this weekend on 25th and 26th February from 10.30 am to 8.30pm at *The Quorum Hotel*, Vinoba Road, Mysuru.

Nishat Mohsin and Misba Umrean will display their latest styles through a well-curated list of labels. Famed creators are on hand to offer consultation to customers and tailor designs to their individual tastes for this *Ugadi* and wedding season.

Ruhak by Tanya Girish, the Fashion Week designer presents India's rich craft traditions— Off shoulders, bomber jackets, sporty chic maxi dresses etc.

Blush Pink from Mumbai is a name that immortalises glamour and timeless style. Naari by Neha from Goa is synonymous with craft, experimental styles, modern and edgy designs; Archana's collection is as colourful and festive as ever.

The collections from Reins will give a traditional and much desired regal and royal look with heavy embroidery borders with dark and light colour palette.

The collection from Vedantham includes banarasis in metallic hues with interesting drapes for this festive season. Samarpan from Ahmedabad has some classy and elegant collection. The Village Shop from Cannanore, Kerala, has everything from beach cover-ups to pillows.

Workshop on 'Organic Farming'

Mysuru, Feb. 23 (RS) - Plant Clinic, Department of Studies in Botany, Manasagangothri, has organised *'A Day with Farmers'* workshop on 'Organic Farming' at its Linnaeus Hall on Mar. 3 at 10.30 am. A.H. Jayaram, Director, Green Path, Shivamogga, will talk on 'Organic Farming: Prospects and Challenges.'

Dr. C. Govindraju, Senior Farm Superintendent, Organic Farming Extension Centre, Naganahalli will address on 'Crop Protection in Organic Farming' and Prof. Sathyanarayana Bhat, former Professor, Govt. Ayurveda Medical College, Mysuru, will speak on 'Organic Foods and Health.'

Interested farmers and public may participate by registering their names.

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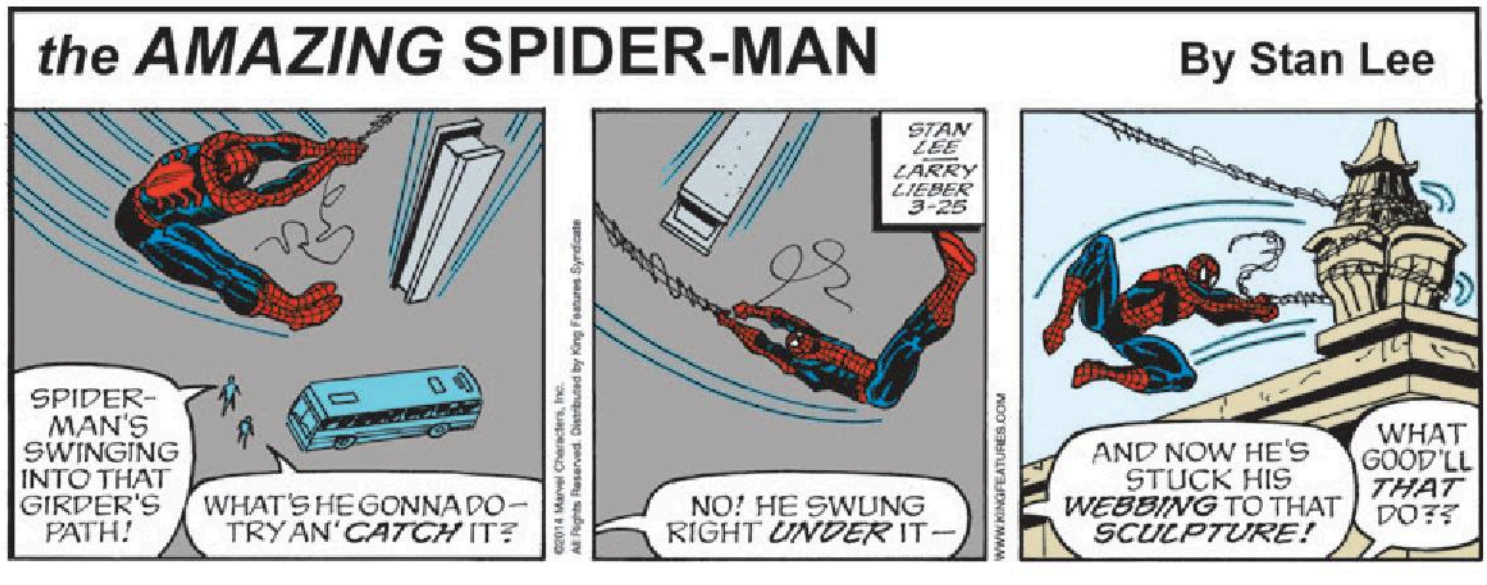
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NEWS BRIEFS

Story-telling

Kalasuruchi has organised story telling by Dr. Archana, Dentist, Kuvempunagar, at Suruchi Rangamane, 476, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar, on Feb. 25 from 4.30 pm to 5.30 pm. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2541795 or Mob: 92435-81097.

Karnataka Zonal conference on Feb.26

The Karnataka Zonal conference of All India BSNL-DOT-Pensioners Association, which will be attended by Pensioners from all parts of the State will be held at the BSNL Zonal Office in Thonachikoppal on Feb.26. State Daily Wage Employees Association President Prof. K.S.Sharma will inaugurate the conference in the presence of National Legal Advisor V.A.N. Nambudari, National General Secretary K.G.Jayaraj, Journalist Rajashekara Koti and others.

Renewal and animal adoption

Zeus Biotech Pvt. Ltd., Mysuru has renewed the adoption of Cheetah at Mysuru Zoo under Animal Adoption Scheme for a period of one year from by making payment of Rs. 50,000. The following persons have adopted the animals of Mysuru Zoo under 'Adoption of Animals' scheme by paying the adoption fee: Anaam Prem, Mumbai - Black Necked Swan (Rs.15,292); G-2 Foundation, Pune - Tawny Eagle, Manipur Brow - Antlered Deer and Sacred Ibis (Rs.30,000); Kumar Sanketh, Bengaluru - Golden Pheasant (Rs.3,500); Prathibha Shivanna, Bengaluru - King Cobra (Rs. 3,500); M.H. Rajiv, Bengaluru - Paradise Whydah (Rs.2,000); S.Navya, Youth Club-2016 - Common Indian Krait- (Rs. 2,000); Youth Club-2016, Mysore Zoo - Rat Snake (Rs.1,000).

Applications invited for IES and ISS

Union Public Service Commission has invited applications from eligible candidates to fill up vacant posts in Indian Economic Service (IES) and Indian Statistical Service (ISS) through a competitive examination. For IES, the candidate should possess a PG degree in Economics, Applied Economics or Business Economics while for ISS, the qualification is PG in Statistics, Applied Statistics or Mathematical Statistics and the age bracket is 21 yrs to 32 yrs as on Aug.1 which is relaxable by 5 years for SC/ST and 3 years for OBC. Last date to apply online by logging on to www.upsconline.nic.in is Mar.3. For more information contact Deputy Chief, Employment Information and Guidance Bureau in Manasagangotri.

Appointed Notary

H. S. Yashoda, a resident of 4th Main, 19th Cross, Vidyaranyapuram, Mysuru, has been appointed as Notary and is authorised to practise in Karnataka.

Demonic accident on Bengaluru-Mysuru Highway

Mysuru Lokayukta SP Ravikumar, driver Kirankumar killed

SP Ravikumar

Driver Kirankumar

Mysuru, Feb.23 (SBD&RNN)- Mysuru Lokayukta SP S. Ravikumar and his driver Kirankumar were killed in a demonic accident that occurred near Ramohalli village on Bengaluru-Mysuru Highway in Bengaluru Rural district yesterday evening.

While Ravikumar (34) succumbed to injuries while being taken to Rajarajeshwari Hospital on the highway, his car driver Kirankumar (33) died on the spot.

It is reported that the accident occurred when a Bangaluru-bound tipper went out of control, crashed into the median, over turned and landed on the Maruti Swift Dzire (KA-01 G-5856) in which Ravikumar and Kirankumar were returning to Mysuru.

It is learnt that Ravikumar had left for Bengaluru on Tuesday to take part in a meeting at the office of Lokayukta ADGP Dr. Parashivamurthy.

Kumbalagodu Police, who have registered a case, are on the lookout for the absconding tipper driver.

A native of Sasalu village near Doddaballapur, Ravikumar, a 2008 batch KSPS Officer, had assumed charge as Mysuru Lokayukta SP 16 months ago after serving as ACP in Amruthahalli Sub-Division in Bengaluru and Panambur Sub-Division in Mangaluru.

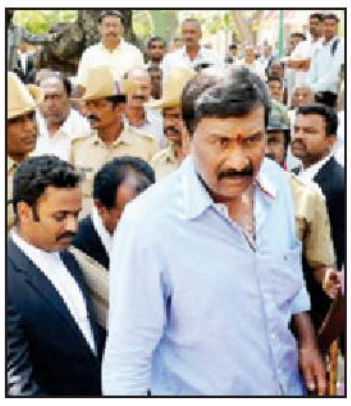
Kirankumar, a native of Arakalgud in Hassan district, attached to the City Armed Reserve, was working as the official driver of Ravikumar.

Ravikumar, who married four years ago, had recently celebrated the naming ceremony of his daughter in a grand manner.

The ill-fated Maruti Swift Dzire.

Police Officers abused at city Court

Fresh case against Avva Madesha, Manjunath



Avva Madesha

Mysuru, Feb. 23 (RK&BCT)- A fresh case has been slapped against history-sheeter brothers C. Mahadesh alias Avva Madesha and his brother C. Manjunath alias Manja, who have been sentenced to life imprisonment in the sensational double murder case in Hunsur. The latest case was booked against them for abusing and behaving inappropriately with Police Officers inside a Court.

Yesterday, the brothers were produced before the Principal District and Sessions Court in connection with the murder of history-sheeter Devendra alias Devu at Paduvarahalli on May 5, 2016. After producing them before the Judge, the Police were escorting them back when their (Madesha and Manjunath) followers and supporters surrounded to speak to them.

At this point, Lakshmipuram Police Inspector Siddaraju and his team, who were looking after security measures inside the Court, intervened and asked Madesha and Manjunath not to interact with their supporters as they were under judicial custody. The Inspector and his team prevented the crowd, numbering over 100, from meeting the brothers. Enraged by this, Madesha and Manjunath abused the Inspector with foul language.

Both brothers face charges under the provisions of Karnataka Control of Organised Crimes Act (KCOCA) 2000. According to the Police, Madesha and Manjunath spoke inappropriately to the Officers on duty when they were not allowed to talk to their supporters.

As the brothers were abusing the Police Officers, their supporters too ganged up and started hurling abuses. Soon, Madesha, a former JD(S) Corporator, and Manjunath were escorted back to the Police vehicle. The Police had to resort to mild lathi-charge to disperse the crowd.

Based on the directions from senior Police Officers, Lakshmipuram Inspector Siddaraju has lodged a complaint and cases have been booked against Madesha, Manjunath and their supporters under IPC Sections 504 (Intentional insult with intent to provoke breach of the peace) and 353 (Assault or criminal force to deter public servant from discharge of his duty).

The Police have videographed the entire incident and Officers said that the accused have been lodged in jail and a body warrant of the accused will be sought after three days to investigate the latest case. Madesha and Manjunath were among 15 inmates brought from Chamarajanagar, Ballari and Dharwad jails to Mysuru yesterday for hearing.

Man gets 10-year jail term for raping a minor

Mysuru, Feb.23 (YDS&RNN)- City's 6th Additional District and Sessions Court, which is also the District Court to dispose of cases under POCSO Act, has sentenced a youth to 10 years in jail and a fine of Rs.10,000 for raping a minor girl in Salukoppalu on Sept.3, 2014.

The convicted has been identified as Sunil of Salukoppalu in Periyapatna taluk in the district.

It was alleged that Sunil, who was waiting on a bullock cart near his land, had molested and raped the minor girl, who came on a cycle to accompany her grandfather, who had gone to graze cattle, back home. It was also alleged that Sunil had threatened the girl with dire consequences if she reported the incident to her family members. A case in this regard had been registered at Bettadapura Police Station.

Periyapatna Circle Inspector Prasanna Kumar, who investigated the case, had filed a charge-sheet against Sunil at the Court which found Sunil guilty of charges and pronounced the above judgment. Public Prosecutor B.C. Shivarudraswamy appeared for the State.

One held for setting ablaze Chamarajeshwara Chariot

Chamarajanagar, Feb.23 (SS&RNN)- Based on footages of CCTV cameras installed at the nearby Bharatiya Co-operative Bank, Chamarajanagar Police yesterday arrested one person in connection with the incident of setting the 'Dodda Ratha' (chariot) of the historic Sri Chamarajeshwara Swamy Temple on fire on the night of Feb.18.

It is reported that Police, who took serious note of the incident had formed three teams to probe the case and the team which went through the footages of the CCTV camera, zeroed in on one person from the town and took him to custody and seized the match box used to ignite the fire from him.

It is learnt that the nabbed miscreant, during interrogation has confessed to the crime.

Meanwhile, Chamarajanagar SP Kuldip Kumar R. Jain, on being contacted by *Star of Mysore*, said that Police were interrogating some others and were on the look out for others involved in the incident.

It may be recalled that burning of the Dodda Ratha had triggered wide spread protests from devotees who even called for a Chamarajanagar bandh on Feb. 20.

Swine flu: 27 tested positive, 1 dead

DC chairs meeting; exhorts officials to take steps to prevent spread of disease

Mysuru, Feb. 23 (RK&BCT)- Mysuru has seen a spike in the number of people testing positive for the deadly swine flu (H1N1) this year. Out of the 78 suspected blood samples tested in the district from Jan. 1, 2017 to Feb. 20, twenty-seven have tested positive and one death has been reported so far. It may be recalled that the district had reported just five H1N1 positive cases last year.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, District Health Officer (DHO) Dr. B. Basavaraju said that blood samples from various hospitals in the district and the city were being closely monitored and were being sent to National Institute of Mental Health & Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS) in Bengaluru.

"In Mysuru, so far, one person has died due to H1N1 and he has been identified as 70-year-old Prabhakar who died at the Apollo Hospital on Feb. 20. One more case was reported that of a pregnant woman. But she died due to complications in dialysis," he said.

Regarding the 27 suspected cases, he said that all of them are undergoing treatment at various hospitals and were responding well to the treatment. "We have taken all precautionary measures to combat the disease and we will continue to send blood samples for testing," he added.

DC holds meeting

Deputy Commissioner D. Randeep yesterday convened a meeting with the district health officials and doctors from private hospitals, where he asked them to take measures to arrest the spread of H1N1.

At the meeting, DHO Dr. Basavaraj and District Surveillance Officer Dr. Kusuma briefed the DC about the measures taken and the availability of ventilators.

Randeep said that people were panicking as there is no awareness on the disease and the health department must take steps to clear the misgivings on the disease. "Those suffering from cold and fever must get their blood tested. There is no need for panic as the District Administration was geared up to combat the disease," he said. Officials informed him that in Mysuru, apart from K.R. Hospital which has 26 ventilators, no other government hospitals have ventilators.

"We are conducting house-to-house surveys to identify people with swine flu symptoms and pamphlets making people aware about the disease are also being distributed," officials said. Influenza in this season is common, but anyone witnessing mild to high fever for more than three days should visit the doctor and get tested. Early treatment helps in arresting the disease early, they added.

How does H1N1 spread?

Swine flu is caused by a strain of influenza virus that usually only infects pigs. Unlike typhus, which can be transmitted by lice or ticks, transmission usually occurs from person to person, not animal to person. You can't catch swine flu from eating pork products, but swine flu is very contagious.

Swine influenza spreads from person to person, either by inhaling the virus or by touching surfaces contaminated with the virus, then touching the mouth or nose. Infected droplets are expelled into the air through coughing or sneezing.

Young population is more susceptible to the virus unlike other influenza that has an impact on senior citizens. The best way to avert a fatality is to get medical help on time and if there are influenza-like symptoms for more than three days, one should use masks while going out and maintain proper hygiene to stop it from spreading.

Woman missing from Bannur found at Madikeri

Madikeri, Feb.23- Bannur Police, assisted by Madikeri Police, have taken a woman, who was reported missing from Bannur in Mysuru District, into their custody along with her lover from a lodge in Madikeri.

It is said that the woman, a native of Pandavapura in Mandya district and mother of three children, had left her three children at her husband's house in Bannur and went missing.

Bannur Police, who tracked her mobile, traced her location to Madikeri and took her to custody along with her paramour.

Confirming the development, Bannur SI told *Star of Mysore* that the woman has been taken away by her husband to his home after being brought from Madikeri and added that her lover also had gone back to his house.

Obituary

N. Raghuram

Mysuru, Feb. 23 - N. Raghuram (57), a First Division Assistant (FDA) at Rangayana and a resident of T.K. Layout, passed away at a private hospital in city yesterday following brief illness.

He leaves behind his wife, a son, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at Chirashanthidhama in Gokulam here today afternoon.

Narayana Rao

Narayana Rao (73), a retired official of the Commercial Tax Department and a resident of Kuvempunagar, passed away yesterday. He leaves behind his wife, two sons including advocate Ramakanth, three daughters and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill here yesterday.

Koleyanda Nanjamma

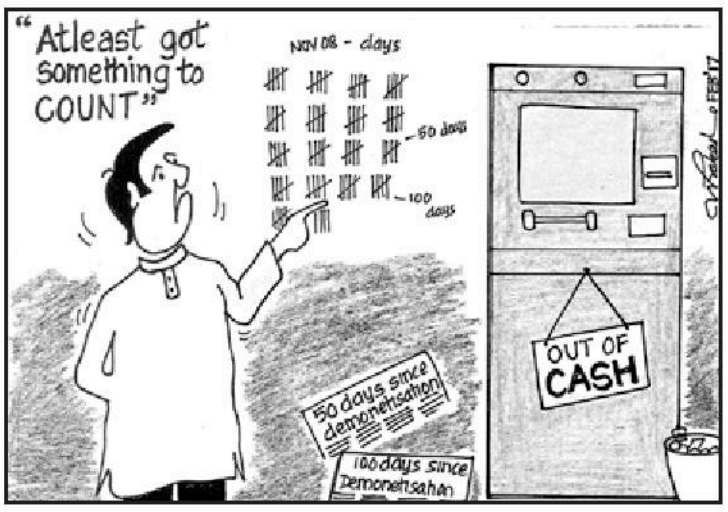
Koleyanda Nanjamma (92), wife of late Koleyanda Appaji and a resident of Madikeri, passed away yesterday evening at her residence in Kodagu. She leaves behind four sons, three daughters, sons-in-law including Mandetira N. Subramani, President of VeKare Ex-Servicemen Trust, Mysuru and daughters-in-law. Last rites were performed at Vaishnavi Estate in Madikeri today afternoon.

V. Sundaraju

V. Sundaraju (59), an ex-serviceman, who was working as a driver at KSRTC and a resident of Raghavendranagar, passed away yesterday in city. He leaves behind his wife Lakshmi, sons Karthik and Arjun and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held today morning.

TEASER

By N. Prakash



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Sri Swamiji releases *Geetamruta Vahini*

Yakshagana 'Sri Krishnaleele-Kamsavadhe' staged

Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamiji** (sitting) **is seen releasing the 7th edition of 'Geetamruta Vahini,' at a programme organised at Nadamantapa in Sri Ganapathy Ashrama premises here yesterday. Other seen are** (from left) **Kannada scholar Dr. T.V. Venkatachala Shastry, T.S. Chayapati of Talukina Venkannaiah Smaraka Grantha Male, Bellipadi Yaksha Samskruthika Trust President and author Dr. Bellipadi Satish Rai, Trust Vice-President Dr. Bellipadi Shyam Prasad Shetty and Secretary Karija Jagadish Hebbar.

Mysuru, Feb. 23- The 7th edition of the book 'Geetamruta Vahini,' authored by Dr. Bellipadi Satish Rai, was released at a programme at Nadamantapa in Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashrama premises here yesterday. The programme was organised under the aegis of Bellipadi Yaksha Samskruthika Trust.

Speaking after releasing the book, Avadhoota Datta Peetham Founder Pontiff Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamiji opined that historical & spiritual texts and treatises must be published in Kannada for wider reach and acceptability. If available in local languages, these books will help spread values and at the same time will develop the language, he said.

Kannada has its own history and beauty and efforts must be on to translate a wide variety of books into Kannada so that the language is strengthened, the Swamiji said and praised the efforts of Dr. Bellipadi Satish Rai in translating the shlokas in a simple manner so that it could be understood by one and all. He added that such translated works must be made available to students so that they can learn moral values at a young age.

Narrating his experiences with *Bhagavad Gita,* Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamiji said that he loved the shlokas since a young age but he never recited them. "Swamy Chinmayananda who came to Mysuru told me that singing shlokas will attract more people. I followed this and was able to reach a wide audience," he said.

Kannada scholar Dr. T.V. Venkatachala Shastry, who presided over the book release event, too lauded the efforts of Dr. Bellipadi Satish Rai.

T.S. Chayapati of Talukina Venkannaiah Smaraka Grantha Male, Bellipadi Yaksha Samskruthika Trust President and author Dr. Bellipadi Satish Rai, Trust Vice-President Dr. Bellipadi Shyam Prasad Shetty and Secretary Karija Jagadish Hebbar were present.

On the occasion, artistes of Karavali Yakshagana Kendra presented Yakshagana 'Sri Krishnaleele-Kamsavadhe.'

3-day Datta Kriya Yoga camp from Feb. 26

Mysuru, Feb. 23 (KS)- Sri Datta Sadguru Sannidhi, a three-day Special Datta Kriya Yoga Camp, organised by Datta Kriya Yoga International Centre, Mysuru, will be held from Feb. 26 to 28 at Nadamantapa, Avadhoota Datta Peetham, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram on Mysuru-Nanjangud Road in city.

Dr. Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamiji and junior pontiff Sri Datta Vijayananda Teertha Swamiji will grace the occasion.

The camp will be inaugurated at 10 am on Feb. 26. **At 10.30 am:** Inaugural address by Sri Datta Vijayananda Teertha Swamiji; **11.15 am to 12.15 pm:** Pravachan by Sri Ganapathy Swamiji; **12.30 pm to 1 pm:** Demonstrations and Practice of Nadi Shuddhi Vyayamas and Asanas.

Sharadadevi Mahila Samaja wins Devaranama Singing Contest

The members of Sharadadevi Mahila Samaja, Ramakrishnanagar 'I' Block, who won the first place in 'M.D. Gopalacharya Memorial Devaranama Singing Contest' held at Mahila Sadana on Narayana Shastry Road in city recently, are seen receiving the prize from the guests at the prize distribution ceremony.

Special achiever Sabitha Monis to launch *'Bhandavya'* in city

A sports event for special kids on Feb. 26

Mysuru, Feb.23- 'Bhandavya- 2017,' a sports competition for intellectually challenged, has been organised at Oval Grounds in city on Feb. 26 by Rotary Mysore Midtown, in association with Special Olympics Bharat, Karnataka (SOBK).

The event will be inaugurated at 9.30 am on that day by **Sabitha Monis,** a differently-abled achiever and Student Welfare Officer, Alva's Education Foundation, Moodabidri. Rtn. Dr. R.S. Nagarjuna, District Governor, RI District 3181, will be the chief guest. Rtn. K.G. Anantharaj Urs, Asst. Governor, Zone-7, RI District 3181, will be the guest of honour.

Valedictory of the event will be held at 3.30 pm on the same day. Dr. P. Krishnaiah, Director (in-Charge), Department of Physical Education, University of Mysore, will be the chief guest. Rtn. K.G. Anantharaj Urs will distribute prizes to the winners of the sports event.

Profile: An MSW holder with 67% marks from Alva's College of Social Work, Mangalore University, in 2009, all along Sabitha has had a remarkable academic record. She had scored 82% in 7th std. and 71% in 10th std. She completed her BA (HPS) with 67% from Alva's College, Moodabidri, PUC with 81% from Government Junior College, Venur, Belthangady, PG Diploma in Human Resource Management with first class from Kuvempu Open University and MA in Sociology with first class from Kuvempu Open University.

As she has been deprived of hands since birth, she has written all these exams using her feet!

In 2001, Karnataka's Governor Ramadevi gave an award to her for securing good marks in SSLC exam. She has also been honoured by Lions and Leo Club, Venur; State Bank, Belthangady; Catholic Board, Mangaluru; Forest Department, Kundapur; South Canara Photographers Association, Belthangady Zone, among other organisations.

Sabitha is the proud daughter of Basil and Benedicta Monis of Belthangady taluk, Dakshina Kannada district.

Decoding Mythology

Dr. Devdutt Pattanaik - Author, Speaker, Illustrator, Mythologist

Last hymn of the Rig Veda

The Rig Veda has over a thousand hymns *(sukta)* that are arranged in ten chapters *(mandala)*. The first and the tenth *mandalas* have precisely 191 hymns, indicating that the arrangement of hymns is not random, but deliberate. This organisation of hymns is attributed to Vyasa.

Internal evidence in the Rig Veda suggests that originally there were many tribes

and clans in the region now known as Punjab. But 3,000 years ago, one tribe dominated: the Kurus, also known as the Bharatas, under the leadership of one Sudas, who was supported by a sage called Vasishtha. He defeated 10 kings who were supported by Vishwamitra. Vasistha and Vishwamitra were bitter rivals, an idea that germinates into a long narrative thread in Puranas composed much later. The 'battle of ten kings' perhaps inspired the later-day epic, Mahabharata. Perhaps the war was inconclusive, or so terrible for either side, that it was necessary for the victor to bring together the brutalised sides to agree on a common way forward. This led to the composition and/or selection of the final hymn that unites the divided. The victory also marked migration from rivers in Punjab region to Gangetic plains.

Of course, this is all speculation, as Vedic hymns are tough to translate. One is never sure, what to take literally, what to take metaphorically, or symbolically. But, what is interesting is the value placed on being united for the common good.

The hymn of eight lines states, and I paraphrase:

- *Over and over, fire-god, you gather what is precious for your friend*
- *You who stand in the path of libation, bring goods to us.*
- *Assemble, speak together, let our thoughts agree*
- *As gods once came together to receive their portion*
- *Common in utterance, common in assembly, common in thought and feeling*
- *I hereby utter a common purpose and make a common oblation on your behalf*
- *Common is your resolve, your heart joined in one accord*
- *United in thoughts, so that it will go well for you together*

The hymn reminds us of the fragmentation of every society, every family even. People have different ideas and drift away. Rather than collaborate, we combat. And we see this all around us as the European Union crumples, as the American President becomes belligerent, as States in India challenge the Centre, as opposition refuses to work with the government, as the Prime Minister prefers to talk at the Parliament rather than to it. As people drift away, or break asunder, it is time to sing hymns that motivate them to come closer together, like this the final hymn of the Rig Veda.

The very first hymn of the Rig Veda is also an invocation to the fire-god, Agni, who is seen as the mouth of the gods, through whom our offerings and petitions reach Indra and the other celestial *devas* such as Varuna and Mitra and Soma. But while the first hymn is clearly a private individual exercise, the last seems to be one inviting others to join in. Could this be the first Vedic anthem, a call to unite? We can only speculate..

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The typical Indian solution- Jugaad

By N.K.A. Ballal,
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A typical solution for all problems *"Jugaad,"* a colloquial Hindi and Punjabi word. Universally accepted. Funnily the interpretation or the meaning of the word *jugaad* means different to different people. For some it is an innovative fix, for some it is creativity with meagre resources, for some it is fixing of a problem bending rules, the list is endless...

Ballal

Every time I go to Tirupathi, I make sure I fix things in advance to avoid the never-ending rush. And with *jugaad* made in advance, magically I am standing

in front of the deity in one hour! Even when I was at the Lalitha Mahal Palace Hotel, I used to visit the Chamundeshwari temple after making the usual *jugaad,* fix the Police Chowki in advance to make sure my car went up to the temple premises. VVIP *darshan* too. *Jugaad* does not spare even the Gods. It has become the way of life and is accepted all over India as normal.

Up North, *jugaad* also is a name given to a locally manufactured motor vehicle, with a diesel engine and assembled with various parts taken from different scrapped vehicles. Very popular in Punjab, Haryana and UP. This assembled vehicle is a lifeline for many a villages ferrying people, livestock, cattle and some times the agriculture produce too. There is a *jugaad* scooter too. Unique in its own way since no two vehicles look the same !

The master of *jugaad* of course is none other than Dr. Uddhab Kumar Bharali, a real life Phansukh Wangdu, if one recollects the innovator in the movie *3 Idiots*. This innovator has 140 innovations to his credit and many more on the pipeline. What are his simple innovations? 1. Passion fruit gel extractor, 2. Tobacco leaf cutter, 3. Arecanut peeling machine, 4. A garlic peeling machine, 5. A sugarcane chip-maker, 6. A casava peeler, 7. A trench digger, 8. A paddy sowing machine, 9. An incinerator and many more. All these are manufactured using locally available solutions and mainly help farmers to reduce their workload.

Dr. Bharali, an engineering college dropout, of course has been rewarded with many awards including the *Shristi Sammaan Master Innovator Award* in 2007, the President's Grassroot Innovator Award in 2009, and the Meritorious Invention Award in 2011 by the National Research Development Corporation. His bench top pomegranate de-seeder and detention chair for the mentally challenged have also won him the engineering design contest organised by NASA Tech for the year 2012 and 2013. A college drop-out, ironically he has been conferred the Doctorate of Science degree by the Assam Agricultural University !

Ironically, *jugaad* has gone international too. Open an Oxford dictionary and you find it. It is also being taught as a subject in top US Universities like Stanford and Berkeley. In France it has been accepted as part of many elite management schools. Major companies like Apple, IBM, Renault have accepted this *jugaad* concept in their R&D. Even African countries have accepted this concept and are practising it in their day to day life. In Philippines, an innovator invented a solar bulb costing only one dollar, using used plastic bottle! In Kenya somebody invented a bicycle which charges cellphones while riding !

But there is an other side of *jugaad* too. The unpleasant side. Take for example the film awards. It is now an accepted fact that all the so-called film awards and the reality shows are fixed. The top contenders never win the show. In a recent interview, Rishi Kapoor recalled how he bought his first award for his film *"Bobby"* to ensure increased box office collections. If one recollects there was a time when Indian beauties continuously won all the beauty contests of the world. A sham. The sponsors of the beauty contest were big beauty product firms which ensured that the winners were from a particular country that year. The moment those products became popular in India, they moved on. Very rarely does one see a winner from a developed country.

The same fixing goes on in sports too. From cricket to boxing. Sometimes one is paid much more to lose a match than win!

When Modiji announced the demonetisation on 8th November, he did not realise the power of *jugaad.* Small businesses in the unorganised sector closed their factories and sent all their employees to stand and change the old currencies to the new one in different banks. The daily wagers were of course paid their salaries, not to work, but to stand in the queue and exchange currency. By the time the RBI realised this loophole, thousands of crores had been exchanged and siphoned off. The moment indelible ink was introduced, the queue vanished !

Even the judiciary is not spared. There are bail specialists who can get bail for a price, of course. Just one look at the chit fund scams, how is that our people get lured into such *ponzi* schemes in spite of the wide publicity given every time a scheme is busted. Adulteration and traffic violations are rampant. Why? The public at large starts believing that all these can be fixed at a price. These fixing has become so rampant in all the spheres of our lives we Indians have started to accept such *jugaad* as a routine. Every one indulges in this in some form or the other.

Is there a solution in sight? The answer is a big "no" since every body firmly believes that a *jugaad* gets things done and ultimately that is what matters, even if it means bending the rules a little !

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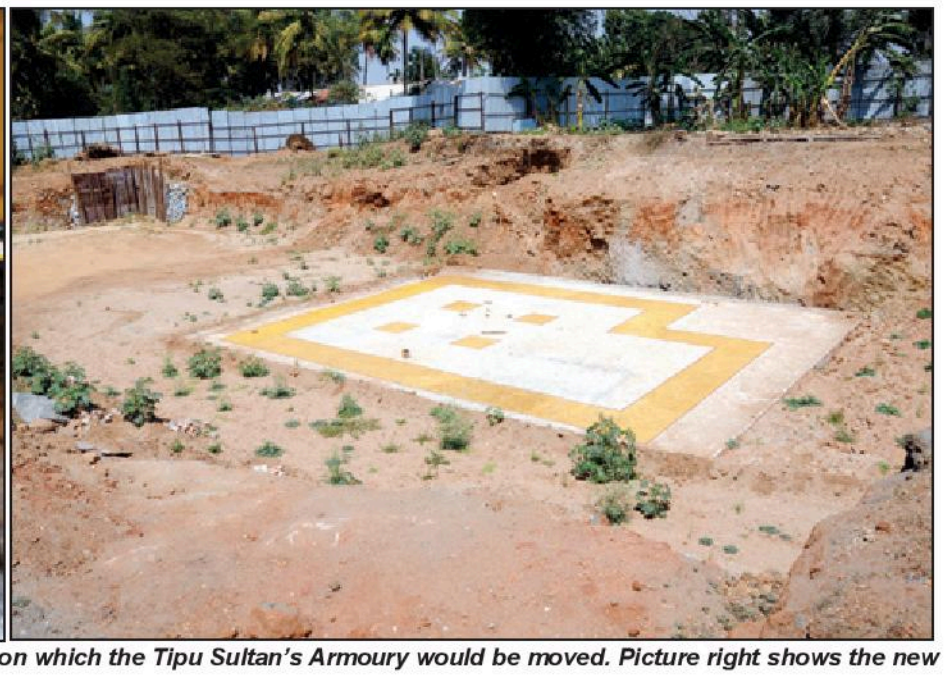
Tipu armoury excavated



Expert workers from the US are seen making final adjustments to the iron piers on which the Tipu Sultan's Armoury would be moved. Picture right shows the new place where the armoury would be translocated.

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Pratap Simha said that once the armoury is shifted, it will take one month to complete the double-tracking works. "Most likely, the tracking works will be completed by April end. The shifting will help the Railways complete the long-pending 13-km single-line track into a double line, which is part of the Mysuru-Bengaluru track doubling," he added.

With the armoury situated near the Srirangapatna Railway Station, trains, all this while, had to take a detour at this spot and use the other line along this stretch. Once the shifting is over, all trains will run faster by three to five minutes, reducing the travel time to Bengaluru by 20 minutes, the MP said.

According to officials supervising the operations, the mechanism to be adopted for shifting the armoury as a single unit from the ground level is to insert the hydraulic jacks below the building in a unified manner and lift the structure in its entirety. It will be later shifted beyond 100 metres and preparations have been done to accommodate the armoury.

Digging works had begun five months ago and since the armoury is a semi-buried structure, experts had to carry out excavation work around the building. The path through which the armoury would be carried to the final shifting place has been readied and steel fabrics for all the beams have been fixed.

Translocation of structures using 'Unified Jacking System' is usually done in the US and the UK, but not in India. This is the first time such an exercise is being carried out here.

K.P. Nanjundi, three others booked for kidnap

Prime accused Raju Kariya arrested in Mysuru; Nanjundi is accused number 2

Nanjundi

Bengaluru/Mysuru Feb.23 (OSR)- Vijayanagar Police in Bengaluru, who have booked cases against industrialist K.P. Nanjundi and three others on charges of kidnapping and unlawfully detaining Vijayakumar, Mysuru Branch Manager of Lakshmi Gold Palace owned by Nanjundi, have also arrested prime accused Raju Kariya in Mysuru.

The other accused in the kidnap episode along with Nanjundi are Rajan and Ramakrishna.

In her complaint lodged with Vijayanagar Police, Alamelu, wife of Vijayakumar, a resident of Bengaluru, has alleged that Nanjundi and his accomplices, who abducted her husband had lodged him at Raju's office in Devamba Agrahara, Mysuru, for three days without giving food or drinking water. She also said that cops of Vijayanagar Police in Bengaluru, assisted by Devaraja Police in Mysuru this morning rescued Vijayakumar from illegal confinement.

Nanjundi rubbishes allegations

Rubbishing the allegations made by Alamelu that he had a major role in the alleged kidnap of her husband, Nanjundi, speaking to a news channel this morning said that he was in no way involved in the alleged kidnap.

He also claimed that he had not lodged a complaint against Vijayakumar on humanitarian grounds even after learning that Vijayakumar had stolen a 40 gram gold chain and had taken away sarees worth about Rs. 40,000 when he was in-charge of Sarees division and misused Rs. 12 lakh out of a blank cheque given to him.

Engineering students turn dacoits !

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The Police said that all the five accused were involved in a dacoity case reported on Feb. 5 during which they had allegedly sprayed chilli powder on a delivery boy and a driver from an e-commerce company and made away with headphones worth Rs. 20,000. Sanath, using fake documents, had bought a SIM card bearing number 99002-96321 through which he had ordered two headphones.

On Feb.5, Mahesh, the delivery boy, had called Sanath to inform him that the headphones were ready for delivery and asked for the address. Sanath informed Mahesh to come near Devegowda Circle on Bannur Road and call him. After arriving at Devegowda Circle, Mahesh called Sanath and he was asked to come a little further to a deserted house where all the five accused were waiting in a red-colour Tata Indica Car (KA-51-M-5253) which belonged to O.S. Khan, one of the accused.

Mahesh, accompanied by his driver Ramakrishna, arrived at the spot and delivered the headphones. At this point, Sanath asked Mahesh to open the parcel. Mahesh told Sanath that the parcel could not be opened until the payment was made. He asked them to pay through debit or credit card if they had no cash. While one of the five accused pretended to take out his debit/ credit card, the others sprayed chilli powder on Mahesh and Ramakrishna. The accused then fled with the headphones.

A case was registered at Mysuru Rural South Police Station the same day under IPC Section 392 (robbery). A team, headed by Dy.SP Vikram Amte, was formed to investigate the case and the accused were cornered on Feb. 21 at around 8.30 am near Bannur Road. Later the case was converted under IPC section 395 (dacoity).

Mysuru South Circle Inspector Jagadeesh, SIs D.B. Jayaprakash and Rajappa, staff Harish, Zahoor Ahmed, Manjunath and others took part in the operation.

DC inspects development works in city

Mysuru, Feb.23 (RKB&RNN)- Deputy Commissioner D. Randeep, accompanied by officials of the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) and the Public Works Department (PWD) today inspected the on-going development works on many roads in several areas of the city and also tested the quality of works.

As part on the inspection before passing the bills for works, Randeep visited Kempanajamba Agrahara in K.R. Mohalla, Saraswathipuram, Sharadadevinagar, Kumbarakoppal and Dewan's road.

During his visit to Dewan's Road which is developed at an estimated cost of Rs.33 crore out of CM's Rs. 100 crore Special grants, Randeep used instruments like grilling machine to test the quality of the work and also checked the width of the road.

Speaking on the occasion, Randeep said that works on developing other roads with Rs. 50 crore more released by the Government would be launched soon. MCC Executive Engineer Manjunath, PWD Executive Engineer Shivaprakash, AEE Nagaraj and others accompanied Randeep during the inspection.

City temples prepare for the Night of Shiva tomorrow

DC D. Randeep, Palace Board Deputy Director T.S. Subramanya and Muzrai Department officials are seen checking the golden mask at the Trineshwara Swamy Temple in Mysore Palace premises before handing it over to the temple authorities on the eve of Shivarathri celebrations.

Mysuru, Feb. 23 (SP&BCT)- Mahashivaratri, the festival of all-night vigil, will be celebrated with fervour at all Shiva temples across the city tomorrow. Temples, especially those dating back to the princely rule that still hold sway over the devotees, will be specially decked up for the occasion.

As part of the celebrations at Trinayaneshwara Swamy Temple, popularly known as Trineshwara Swamy temple in the Mysore Palace premises, the 11-kg golden mask *(chinnada kolaga)* of Lord Shiva was brought from the District Treasury amidst tight security this morning. The mask, along with other valuables including ear-rings made of emeralds, was handed over by Deputy Commissioner D. Randeep to the temple priest Venkatesh.

It is during this time of the year the deity, the idol of Shivalinga is adorned with the golden mask.

According to the available history, the mask was gifted to three temples in the undivided Mysore by the then Maharaja Sri Jayachamarajendra Wadiyar to celebrate the birth of his son Srikantadatta Narasimharaja Wadiyar in 1953. They are, Trineshwara Swamy temple, Nanjangud Srikanteshwara Swamy temple and Male Mahadeshwara Swamy Temple at M M Hills in Chamarajanagar.

The mask will be placed on the Shivalinga tomorrow at 5 am and the temple doors will be open for public. The rituals including *'mahanyasa puja', 'rudrabhisheka', 'ashtothara', 'panchamrutha abhisheka'* and *'mahamangalarathi'* will be performed.

Special pujas will be performed to the 108 idols of Shivalinga at Gurukula on Ramanuja Road and the historic Kameshwara Kameshwari temple will sport a festive look. The monolithic idol of the bull (sitting posture) carved in black granite at the entrance of the temple is the main attraction here.

Equally significant by history and also known for its rarity is Kashi Vishwanatha Swamy temple on Ramanuja Road. The deity, Shivalinga was brought from Kashi by the then dewan Sardar M. Kantharaja Urs.

Security arrangements: Police have made elaborate security arrangements with flying squads, and the barricades in front of prominent temples in the city to ensure hassle-free visit.

Police issue guidelines

To ensure smooth conduct of Mahashivaratri, the City Police have issued some guidelines.

Urging womenfolk not to move around with ornaments, Police have banned wheeling and over-speeding by two-wheelers.

The Police have asked auto and cab drivers not to refuse ferrying of devotees to desired destinations and not to demand extra fares. Urging citizens to behave well with women and girls, Police have warned those who destroy public property. Screening of films by roadsides and using loud speakers without prior permission have been banned. Gambling of any kind has also been banned.

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Vocal concert by Aishwarya on Feb. 25

Mysuru, Feb. 23- Vidu. Aishwarya Vidhya Raghunath will be presenting a music concert at Sri Srinivasa Temple in Ramakrishnanagar I-Block on Feb. 25 at 5.30 pm.

She will be accompanied by **Vidu. Aditi Krishnaprakash** on violin, **Tumkur Ravishankar** on mridanga and **Kaushik** on ghata.

Profile: Born into a family of connoisseurs of classical music, Vidu. Aishwarya Vidhya Raghunath was initiated into the world of music at the age of three.

Vidu. Aishwarya

An 'A' graded artiste of the All India Radio and Doordarshan, Aishwarya has the honour of being the disciple of musical stalwarts — *Sangita Kalaacharya* (late) Seethalakshmi Venkatesan, *Padma Bhushan* P.S. Narayanaswamy and *Sangeetha Kala Sagaram* Vegavahini Vijayaraghavan, thus being moulded into the Semmangudi bhani and the Veena Dhanammal bhani. Aishwarya was awarded the Government of India scholarship (Ministry of Culture) between the years 2008-2010. Her first performance was at the age of 13 and there was no looking back.

Maha Shivaratri tomorrow: Sri Srinivasa Temple will be celebrating Maha Shivaratri tomorrow and the programme is as follows:

7am to 9 am: Abhisheka, Alankara and Puja of Sri Srinivasa as Shiva; **9 am to 11 am:** Maha Mrutyunjaya Homa.

Dance features by Raasavrunda School

Mysuru, Feb.23 - Nandini Eswer's Raasavrunda School of Dance will be presenting *Rama Sankirtana* on Feb. 25 at 3 pm at the ongoing International Conference on Lord Sri Rama in Art, Literature and Religion" at the Department of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage at Dasara Exhibition premises in city.

On Feb.26, Raasavrunda in association with Ganabharathi will present *Nartana Namana* Bharatanatya and Kathak recital at Veene Sheshanna Bhavana at 6.30 pm. Dance Direction and Choreography is by Vidu. Nandini Eswer and the performing artistes are Suprita Aithal, Nityashree Shetty, B.S.Meghashree, Kausalya Chandra, Alaka Deshpande, C.P. Indira and Rohitha Eswer.

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Antarprerana-17: IT, Media & Management Fest at Amrita

Mysore Institute of Commerce and Arts bags Overall Championship

Mysuru, Feb.23 - Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Mysuru campus, celebrated the valedictory of *Antarprerana-17,* an IT, Media and Management Fest at its premises in Bogadi 2nd Stage on Feb.18.

The two-day Fest was aimed at providing a learning platform for the participating students to hone their essential skills beyond academics in different fields of management, IT and media.

Events like Merch-Kaiser (Marketing), Rectocorps (HR), The Whizz (Best Manager), Obscura (Photography), Journovate (Media event), Arena-D'el-Gamers (Lan Gaming) and Metro Coder (coding) provided real time scenario of workplace while providing entertainment and fun. Cash prizes and mementos for the winners were given away on the occasion.

The additional event at *Antarprerana-17,* La Dance, a contemporary and classical dance competition entertained the crowd after which Symphonia – the performing arts club at Amrita presented The Ensemble (a string of popular hits) on 17th evening. Earlier, Prof. C. Vidya Pai, Principal, welcomed. Br. Venugopal, Correspondent, graced the occasion.

The prize winners of the Fest are as follows:

The Whizz (Best Manager): Shivani, SBRR Mahajana First Grade College; **Merch - Kaiser (Marketing):** I prize – Mysuru Institute of Commerce and Arts (MICA), II prize – De Paul First Grade College; **Rectocorps (HR):** I prize – MICA; **Journovate (Media event):** I prize –MICA; **Metro Coder (Coding):** I prize – De Paul First Grade College, II prize – Mahajana First Grade College; **La Dance (Solo):** I prize – De Paul College, II prize – Yuvaraja's College; **La Dance (Group):** I prize – JSS Women's College.

The Overall Championship was bagged by Mysore Institute of Commerce and Arts (MICA).

Selected for Vidyarthi Vigyan Manthan National Camp

Mysuru, Feb.23 - Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement (SVYM), Mysuru, conducted the State Camp of Vidyarthi Vigyan Manthan (VVM), a National-level talent search exam, at Vivekananda Institute for Leadership Development (VLEAD) on Feb.19.

The event was organised by Vigyan Prasar, Vijnana Bharati and NCERT, to popularise science and identify talented students from across the community. Nearly 1 lakh students participated in the written exam across the country in Nov. 2016. The top 120 students, 20 per class, from each State were selected for the State Camp.

In all,113 of the 120 students selected in the written round in Karnataka, participated in the SVYM State Camp. Each of the student took eight rounds of assessments including written tests, experiments, video appreciation and situational problem analysis.

Dr. Rakesh Kumar Sharma, Director, Defence Food Research Laboratory (DFRL), addressed the students about the work done by DFRL and motivated them to take up pure sciences as a career option. He encouraged them to ask questions and invited them to visit DFRL to understand research in action.

Dr. (Flt. Lt.) M. A. Balasubr-amanya, Secretary and CEO of SVYM presided over the prize distribution programme.

During the day, a panel discussion on *"Career Opportunities in Pure Sciences"* was also conducted for the parents. Dr. Arvind Ranade, Scientist of Vigyan Prasar, Dr. Shantala Priyadarshini, Government Ayurveda College, Mysuru, Kollegala Sharma, Scientist of CFTRI and Chandrasekharan Nair, CEO of Vijnana Bharati, participated.

Twelve students were selected in the State Camp to participate in the National Camp in May 2017. Among them, 8 students are from Bengaluru, 2 from Mangaluru and 2 from Mysuru.

For details, contact S. Praveen Kumar, Joint Secretary & Director (Science Education), SVYM-cum-State Coordinator of VVM on Mob:9591945162.

MICAns triumph at Management and Cultural Fests

Seen are (top row from left) Srinidhi, Nayan, Ramkumar; (middle row from left) Suraj Rao, Syed Idress; (front row from left) Skanda, Samanvitha, Syed Hadiya, Nayana Bhardwaj, Priyanka Paridha and Tania Rebecca.

Mysuru, Feb.23-For the third consecutive year MICA – Mysore Institute of Commerce and Arts emerged as the overall championships at *Antarprerana* IT, Media and Management Fest conducted by Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Mysuru. Ramkumar and Nayan bagged 1st place in HR, Suraj Rao, Skanda and Srinidhi stood 1st in Marketing, Nayana Bharadwaj, Tania Rebecca and Priyanka Paridha emerged winners in the Journovate event. All the winners were awarded certificates, cash prize and trophies.

In the Teresian College's *Shrishti* - Academic and Cultural Fest, Syed Idress of MICA bagged 3rd place in singing while Syeda Hadiya secured 3rd place in debate. They were awarded certificates and trophies.

K.V. Samanvitha presented an academic research paper titled *'Analysis of the participation and preparedness of senior citizens in the Digitalisation of money and economy in Mysuru city'* at the UGC sponsored National Conference on Digital Economy in India held at Vidyavardhaka First Grade College.

De Paul students excel in Management Fest

A group photo of the students of De Paul College, who have won prizes at** Antarprerana-17 **IT, Media & Management Fest organised by Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Mysuru. From left: Mohit Mittal and Abhilash Thulsidas (Metro Coder), First Prize; Shrishti (Solo Dance), First Prize; Poonacha, Anupama and Kushal (Merch Kaiser), Second Prize.

Mysuru Warrior spins his way into Mumbai Indians

K. Gowtham to represent MI in IPL 2017

Krishnappa Gowtham (K. Gowtham) is known to Mysureans as a Mysuru Warrior as he plays for the *Mysuru Warriors*, city's team in the Karnataka Premier League (KPL). This Karnataka cricketer, who made his first-class debut against Uttar Pradesh in Meerut during November 2012, had to wait another three years before returning to the State team this season during which he scalped 18 wickets in 8 matches. This feat of Gowtham did not go unnoticed as *Mumbai Indians,* the Indian Premier League (IPL) franchise owned by Reliance Industries, bought him for Rs. 2 crore at the recently held player auction. Gowtham also made an impression in the India 'A' team by scoring a powerful 74 against the touring Australian team at Brabourne Stadium in Mumbai.

Gowtham plays for Swasthik Union Cricket Club in Karntaka State Cricket Association (KSCA) Bengaluru league, Vijaya Bank for corporate tournaments and *Mysuru Warriors* in the KPL. *Star of Mysore* caught up with him during his visit to Chamundi Hill yesterday and spoke about his upcoming innings in the IPL. Excerpts...

By S.N. Venkatnag Sobers

Star of Mysore (SOM): Firstly, congratulations on being picked by Mumbai Indians. How does it feel to be a part of such a big team?

Gowtham: Thank you so much. It feels great to be a part of team which has legendary cricketers like Sachin Tendulkar, Mahela Jayawardane (coach), Kieron Pollard and Harbhajan Singh, whom I idealise (in fact Gowtham's nick name in cricketing circles in 'Bhajji' as he used to copy Harbhajan's bowling action when he started off as a youngster). Also this is the biggest platform to showcase my talent and boost my career to a much higher level.

SOM: Did you think you would go for such a high price?

Gowtham: Never in my dream. I was confident of being picked by one of the franchises as I had good season but to be picked by *Mumbai Indians* and for such a high price is something I never expected. I have waited for 10 years to be part of IPL and it has finally come true.

SOM: How has KPL helped you as a player?

Gowtham: KPL has been a good platform not only for me but for many players in the State. Be it K.C. Cariappa, J. Suchith or Shivil Kaushik, they all have been picked through KPL. Karnataka Premier League is definitely a stepping stone for bigger tournaments like IPL which helps players to groom themselves as they are exposed to more experienced players.

SOM: You have been a part of Mysuru Warriors. Would you like to share your experience with the team?

Gowtham: *Mysuru Warriors* in KPL is like *Mumbai Indians* in IPL. The franchise is run very professionally. Our team owner Arjun Ranga never compromises on facilities including good coaching staff. They even brought an experienced international player like Brad Haddin to help us prepare mentally. That's a lot of professionalism for a State level premier league.

SOM: Now that you will be a part of Mumbai Indians, have you planned your strategies for the IPL?

Gowtham: Right now I am concentrating on Vijay Hazare Tournament which is about to begin shortly. My aim is to perform well for the State in the tournament and make sure we emerge victorious. Later, there will be a good 15-20 days' gap before the IPL when I would start planning for the tournament.

University of Mysore Inter-collegiate Inter-zonal Women's Games

Teresian College emerge champions

Mysuru, Feb.23- Teresian College for Women continued their dominance in the women's section by winning the overall team title in the University of Mysore Inter-collegiate Inter-zonal Women's Games jointly organised by the Department of Physical Education, University of Mysore and Government First Grade College, Kythanahalli, Pandavapura, recently.

Teresian College for Women won the Basketball, Handball, Hockey, Volleyball and Chess titles. They also finished runner-up in Softball. In total the college secured 31 points and emerged champions. The prizes to the winners were given away by MLA K.S. Puttannaiah.

Athletes of Teresian College for Women and Physical Education Director Anthony Moses seen receiving the overall championship shield in the University of Mysore Inter-collegiate Inter-zonal Women's Games from MLA K.S. Puttannaiah. Also seen are Department of Physical Education former Director Dr. C. Krishna, In-charge Director Dr. P. Krishnaiah, GFGC Kyathanahalli In-charge Principal Prof. Puttabuddi and Physical Education Director K. Jayashree.

Pool Campus drive on Feb.25

Mysuru, Feb.23- Bhavan's Priyamvada Birla Institute of Management (BPBIM), Mysuru, in association with Jaro Education, has organised a pool campus drive on Feb.25 at 9.30 am at its campus in Vijayanagar I Stage, opposite Aishwarya Petrol Bunk, on Hunsur Road.

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16023/16024	Mysore-Yesvantpur Malgudi Exp.	08.20 am	11.10 am	01.30 pm	04.15 pm
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56204/56203	Mysore-Chamarajanagar	07.20 am	09.10 am	10.40 am	12.25 pm
56214/56213	Tirupati-Chamarajanagar	10.30 am	12.30 pm	03.00 pm	04.45 pm
56210/56209	Mysore-Chamarajanagar	12.30 pm	02.15 pm	06.00pm	07.50 pm
56208/56207	Mysore-Chamarajanagar	02.50 pm	04.40 pm	04.55 pm	06.35 pm
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Overflowing manhole flooding drains in Siddarthanagar

Sewage water, which is overflowing from a manhole on Kaveri Main Road, next to the old match factory since many days, is getting collected in the newly-constructed drains on Bannur Road, Siddarthanagar *(see picture below)*. ***Authorities concerned are urged to take steps to stop the overflowing of sewage water and also get the drains cleaned at the earliest and prevent spreading of dreaded diseases.***

Garbage dumped on footpath near Kukarahalli Lake Gate

A pile of garbage, which is dumped on the footpath of the road from Kukarahalli Lake Gate to Kalamandira, is getting scattered due to wind causing inconvenience to passing motorists. Authorities concerned are urged to get the garbage pile cleared from the footpath.

State plans to tap KRS Dam's dead storage

Bengaluru, Feb. 23- Anticipating drinking water crisis in Bengaluru this summer, the State Government is putting in place a contingency plan to draw water from the dead storage of Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) reservoir at an estimated cost of Rs. 40 crore.

A High-Level Meeting of Irrigation Officials on Feb. 21 discussed the possibility of pumping the dead storage water at KRS, if the need arose, to meet Bengaluru's drinking water needs.

Speaking to reporters, Water Resources Minister M.B. Patil indicated his Dept. may be left with no option but to resort to "rationing of water" to BWSSB, in the wake of depleting water levels at Cauvery reservoirs, especially KRS and Kabini.

"With the present storage in KRS, the water needs of Bengaluru could be met up to May. However, the authorities

anticipated a shortage in peak summer. Officials are constantly monitoring the availability of water in KRS. They are favouring utilisation of dead storage in case of emergency," he said. The dead storage is 4.4 tmcft in KRS.

Authorities are also planning to announce water rationing, which would mean restricting the supply of water to once in three days. "Implementation of the Mekedatu project would be the only long-term answer to quench thirst of the growing city in the days to come," he said.

SCARY STATISTICS

Meanwhile, a data published by the Union Ministry of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation has revealed that water levels in all the reservoirs, except Krishna basin, over the last three years stand abysmally low this year. In fact, since 2014, this is the first time that reservoirs across Karnataka have reached such low water levels owing to failure of rains, according to the Union Government.

As per figures made available by the Union Ministry (till Sept. 2016), as against the total storage capacity of 1.163 Billion Cubic Metres (BCM), KRS currently has 0.316 BCM. The latest data as on Feb. 19, 2017, by the Karnataka State Natural Disaster Monitoring Centre (KSNDMC), presents a scarier picture. KRS has only 5.69 Thousand Million Cubic (TMC) of water as against 45.05 TMC feet of total live storage capacity, Hemavathy has only 3.41 TMC feet as against 35.76 TMC feet of water.

Solar Park to generate 500 MW electricity by August: Energy Minister Shivakumar

Bengaluru, Feb. 23 (KMS& VNS)- The works on the construction of 2000 MW Solar Park at Nagalamadike Hobli in Pavagada Taluk in Tumakuru district is being taken up on a war-footing and the plant will begin to generate 500 MW electricity by August this year, said Energy Minister D.K. Shivakumar yesterday.

Speaking to media persons after inspecting the works, he said that State Government will be utilising 12,000 acre land for the park and added that instead of acquiring the land from farmers, the Government has entered into an agreement and will be paying Rs. 21,000 as rent per acre land and the amount will be hiked by 5 percent every two years.

"We have permission to generate 2,700 MW electricity in the Park out of which 2,000 MW will be generated with collaboration of both State and Central Governments and another 700 MW will be generated with the help of private companies, he added.

Minister Shivakumar further said, "Prime Minister Narendra Modi was surprised with us being successful to set up the Park in 12,000 acre without land acquisition."

The basic facilities including the power distribution line at the Park is being provided at a cost of Rs. 810 crore which is expected to be completed by September. This apart, the Government also plans to construct 8 solar power generation and distribution centres of 270 KV each. The Energy Department will purchase the bundled power at a cost of Rs. 3.30 per unit, said the Minister.

MLC Ugrappa and other officials of the Energy Department were present on the occasion.

Protests galore in city

Members of Bahujan Samajawadi Party (BSP) and Village Accountants Association (picture right) staging separate protests near Deputy Commissioner's Office here yesterday.

Mysuru, Feb. 23 (PM&KS)- Urging for the fulfilment of their demands, various organisations staged separate protests in city yesterday.

Bahujan Samajawadi Party (BSP): Condemning the Supreme Court judgment that said that there is no need for reservation in promotion for SC/ST Government employees, the members of BSP staged a protest near Deputy Commissioner's (DC) office here and urged the State Government to submit a review petition to the Apex Court in this regard.

Mysuru District Kannada Chaluvaligarara Sangha: Urging the State Government to stop releasing water to Tamil Nadu from Kabini Reservoir and to provide compensation to farmers of Kabini Right Bank farmers coming under Nanjangud Vidhana Sabha constituency, members of Mysuru District Kannada Chaluvaligarara Sangha staged a protest in front of the DC's office in city.

The protesters also urged for rejuvenation of lakes and demanded compensation of Rs. 25,000 per acre to farmers of Kabini Right Bank who have suffered crop losses.

Village Accountants Association: Urging the Government to free them from the responsibilities of reviewing Ration Cards, the members of Karnataka State Village Accountants Association staged a protest in front of the DC's office here yesterday.

The protesters alleged that though they had submitted a memorandum earlier in this regard, no action was taken by the authorities concerned and said that they were already involved in segregation of Village Accountants Social Security Scheme applications, which they were carrying it out without any basic facilities.

They added that the additional work had severely affected them.

Contract Vehicles Owners and Drivers Association: Alleging that the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) was not giving them the monthly rent and harassing them unnecessarily, the members of Contract Vehicles Owners and Drivers Association staged a protest in front of the MCC here.

The protesters also alleged that the authorities concerned were threatening them of removing their vehicles from the contract when they asked for the rent besides stating that the authorities had prepared a fake report and had cancelled some contract to help others. The protesters demanded action against the official concerned.

Karnataka Rakshana Vedike Simha Sene: Urging for good roads and regular maintenance of the same, the residents of Raghavendranagar and members of Karnataka Rakshana Vedike Simha Sene stage a protest in front of the MCC. The protesters alleged that the roads, which were dug up to lay UGD pipes and Reliance cables in the MCC Ward No. 57 two years ago, were not covered till now and had resulted in the roads going from bad to worst with numerous potholes making the road unmotorable.

The protesters demanded asphalting the roads at the earliest.

Raghaveshwara Bharathi Swamiji Blackmail Case

CID gives clean chit to Premalatha couple

Bengaluru, Feb. 23- The Crime Investigation Department (CID) has given a clean chit to Premalatha and her husband Diwakar in connection with the blackmail case filed against them by Ramachandrapura Mutt Seer Sri Raghaveshwara Bharathi Swamiji.

The CID submitted a 'B' report in the alleged blackmail case at the Honnavar JMFC Court yesterday stating that there were no evidence to prove allegations against Premalatha and Diwakar.

It may be recalled that Sri Raghaveshwara Bharathi Swamiji had lodged a complaint against the couple after Premalatha levelled rape charges against the Seer.

He had alleged that the couple had demanded Rs. 2 crore for not filing a complaint against him.

Woman goes missing

Roopa

Mysuru, Feb. 23- Adding to the list of people going missing in and around Mysuru, a woman has been reported missing from Varuna Police limits in the taluk.

The missing woman has been identified as Roopa, wife of Mahendra and a resident of Devalapura village in the taluk.

Roopa, who left the house on Feb. 19 after her husband left for work, has gone missing since then, according to the complaint.

Those having any information about the missing person, may contact Ph: 0821-2520040 or 2444800, according to a press release.

Wins Tipster Tally Trophy

Star of Mysore and Mysooru Mithra racing correspondent P.G. Chandrashekar is seen receiving the Tipster Tally Trophy from Mysore Race Club (MRC) Chairman Hanuman Prasad in city yesterday as MRC Stewards and Committee Members look on.

WORD OF THE DAY

Mot

Meaning: A pithy or witty remark; bon mot. Archaic. A note on a horn, bugle, etc.
Origin: The word Mot comes from the French word of the same spelling, which in turn is rooted in the Latin word muttum, which meant "utterance." It is related to the word motto.

THE ODD WORD

Troglodyte

Someone who dwells in a cave.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Clog up

Meaning: To become obstructed.

Origin: To 14th century English peasants a clog was a heavy block of wood. Oxen were 'clogged up' by fixing the blocks to their feet to stop them straying. When shoemakers first hollowed out blocks of wood to make footwear, 'clog' was the obvious name to go for. John Trevisa's translation of de Glanville's Latin text De Proprietatibus Rerum, 1398, includes: He feedeth and nourisheth oxen and bindeth their feet ... and cloggeth them while they be in pasture and leas.
That form of clogging developed into our current use of the verb 'to clog' via several words of similar sound and meaning. In the early 16th century 'clogged up' meant to be stuck in sticky clay, literally 'clayed up'. This was a muddling of 'clog', 'clay' and 'clag'. In this part of the world, that is Yorkshire, and I believe in other parts too, sticky clay soil is called 'claggy'.
Later in the 16th century, 'clog up' was used as we now use it, as a general term for 'impede/choke up'. This came about by means of other muddlings, of 'clogging', 'clotting' and 'cloying'. We might have opted for any of 'clay up', 'clag up', 'clot up' or 'cloy up' but 'clog up' got the nod.

QUOTE BOX

When the blind lead the blind, no wonder they both fall into—matrimony.
—George Farquhar

RIDDLE THIS

A man is found dead in a phone booth in a pool of blood. The glass on either end of the phone booth is broken and the phone is hanging. Just outside of the phone booth is a bucket and a stick. What happened?

***Answer:** The man was a fisherman and was telling somebody on the phone about the large fish he caught. When he used his hands to gesture how big the fish was he hit the glass breaking it and cutting himself.*

SUDOKU

			6	5				9
4							1	6
					9		3	
					4	8		
2			3		8			7
		1	5					
	6		9					
3	2							1
8				2	1			

Answer to previous puzzle

7	4	8	6	2	1	5	9	3
2	1	3	9	4	5	7	8	6
6	5	9	7	8	3	2	4	1
1	2	7	3	6	9	8	5	4
4	8	6	5	7	2	1	3	9
9	3	5	4	1	8	6	2	7
8	7	4	2	3	6	9	1	5
5	6	2	1	9	4	3	7	8
3	9	1	8	5	7	4	6	2

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Oriental nanny - "a ham" changed?
5 ___ up : invigorate?
8 Extinct bird
12 A pitch raising device for fretted instruments
13 Scholastic or collegiate; scholarly
15 Bird-watcher
17 Thong on which a dog may be held
18 Remains of pressed grapes
19 Ex-England skipper Dexter
21 Crowd together or pack - "Y errs" anagram?
24 Before or ahead of
27 Moral and law abiding?
30 ___ Biao : Mao Zedong's famous general?
31 Country house - "Roman" changed?
32 Compass point
33 Fenced area
35 Kazakhstan formerly: abbr.
36 ____ amigo : farewell my friend?
37 To the ___ degree : to the ultimate degree?
39 Manoj Kumar's ___ Kapada Aur Makaan
41 Encrypts to insure secrecy, in a way?
45 Select carefully and fussily? (4,3,6)
49 Utterly confused and bewildered? (3,2,3)
50 Third "K" in the notorious group "K.K.K."?
51 Tennyson for one, Longfellow for another?
52 It can move mountains
53 A collar fastener

DOWN

1 System of bidding in Bridge
2 Female horse
3 "A nap" anagram for "our own" in Hindi
4 Raise or haul up
5 An expression of disgust or belittlement
6 Prefix meaning "environment" or "nature"?
7 Tropical tree
8 Level grade or extent
9 Greek letters fifteenth in their alphabet to be precise
10 Prefix creating direct opposite of the simple word
11 Tenth month, in short
14 Serve a prison sentence? (2,1,7)
16 Temperature control device
20 Ex-Sri Lankan batsman Roy ___
22 __ out of : exhausts?
23 Belgian river
24 Appeal; pretext
25 Cheese skin
26 Surround
28 Wildebeest
29 Little Boy Blue's instrument
34 A cat may ___ __ a king....? (4,2)
38 Bent or curved pieces or metal or wire for catching hold or hanging things
40 Short for 'this month'
42 A stupid person
43 He sold his birthright to his twin brother of Jacob
44 To despatch
45 ___ smear : a test for cancer of the cervix?
46 U.N. arm
47 Lair of a lion
48 Clear air turbulence

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER:

R	A	M	A		D	E	V	I		E	M	T
E	R	I	E		I	B	I	D		R	I	O
P	A	N	T		A	B	R	A	D	I	N	G
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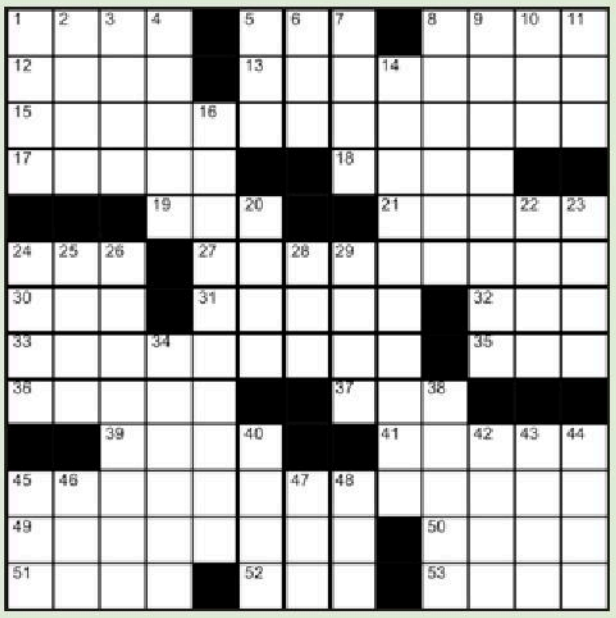

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

VQFB P'Y SFFDPBW JPEFZ CJ VHEM P AXTJ XTF

YI TYCEJ NQHBF JH ZHVBDHCZ C BCN

TODAY'S CLUE: V EQUALS W

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: If computers get too powerful, we can organize them into a committee — that will do them in.

NOW SHOWING

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
KANNADA			
Hebbuli	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
	Mahadeshwara	9900820093	4 Shows
	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
	Prabha	2423569	4 Shows
	Sri Maruthi	2521923	4 Shows
Chowka	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
Kirik Party	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
	Lido	2420885	4 Shows
R.A. Pushpaka Vimana	Skyline	2481170	4 Shows
Tonic	Olympia	2420737	4 Shows
141	Uma	2520009	4 Shows
HINDI			
The Ghazi Attack	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
Miss Teacher	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
TAMIL			
Singam-3	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows
	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
TELUGU			
Om Namo Venkatesaya	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows

DRC CINEMAS — PH: 4240422, 4241800

Hebbuli (K)	(S-1)	11 am, 1.45 pm, 4.30 pm
		7.15 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-4)	10.45 am, 9.55 pm
The Lego Batman Movie (E-3D)	(S-2)	10.50 am
Kirik Party (K)	(S-2)	12.50 pm
Chowka (K)	(S-2)	3.45 pm, 6.50 pm
	(S-3)	10.30 am, 1.35 pm
Ezra (Ma)	(S-2)	9.55 pm
Singam 3 (Ta)	(S-3)	4.40 pm
	(S-4)	1.40 pm
The Ghazi Attack (H)	(S-3)	7.25 pm
Split (E)	(S-3)	9.55 pm
Jolly LLB -2 (H)	(S-4)	4.30 pm, 7.15 pm

INOX LIVE THE MOVIE — PH: 2533444 / 2533456

The Lego Batman Movie (E-3D)	(S-1)	10.05 am
Split (E)	(S-4)	7.25 pm
Hebbuli (K)	(S-1)	12.15 pm, 3.10, 6.05, 9.00 pm
	(S-2)	10.00 am, 1.00 pm, 4.00 pm,
		7.00 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-4)	10.40 am
The Ghazi Attack (H)	(S-3)	9.40 pm
Ezra (Ma)	(S-4)	9.50 pm
Ghazi (Te)	(S-3)	3.50 pm
Kirik Party (K)	(S-4)	1.30 pm
Singam 3 (Ta)	(S-3)	12.45 pm
Jolly LLB -2 (H)	(S-3)	9.55 am; (S-4) 4.40 pm
Chowka (K)	(S-3)	6.25 pm

Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

AIR ON FRIDAY

6.00 am Patriotic Songs, 6.10 Geetaradhana, 6.30 Chinthana, 6.45 Gandhi Smruthi, 6.50 Sponsored Prog., 9.15 Namma Arogya, 10.00 Vocal Recital, 10.30 Hindi Film Songs, 11.00 Kannada Film Songs, 12.00 noon Hindi Film Songs, 12.30 Mahila Ranga, 1.00 pm Devaranama, 1.20 Bhavageete, 1.30 Madhyanada Madhurya, 2.15 Hindi Film Songs, 2.35 Bandani, 4.00 Vocal Recital, 5.00 Film Songs, 6.50 Krishi Ranga, 8.00 Reshme Siri, 9.30 Jugalbandhi, 10.30 Savinenapu.

EVENTS TODAY (FEB.23)

JSS Law College, Mysuru and Rashtra Gaurava Samrakshana Parishath, Bengaluru: Special talk on 'Relevance of Lala Lajpat Rai in our Times' by T.N. Ramakrishna, President and Managing Trustee, Rashtra Gaurava Samrakshana Parishath, Bengaluru, Dr. C.K.N. Raja, formerly Professor of Law, University of Mysore, chief guest, Prof. T.N. Prabhakara, retd. Addl. Director, Dept. of Collegiate Education, Bengaluru, presides, Silver Jubilee Hall, Law College premises, **3 pm.**

Department of Information and Public Relation, Karnataka Chalanachitra Academy and Mysore Film Society: Cinema Samaya, screening of documentary produced by Information Dept., **5.30 pm;** Screening of movie 'Godhi Banna Sadharana Mykattu,' Kalamandira, **6 pm.**

Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashrama: Mahashivaratri celebrations, Sri Venkatamakhi Memorial and Sri Thyagaraja Aradhna - Mass singing of Thyagaraja Pancha Ratna compositions, Ashrama premises, Ooty Road, **6 pm.**

Ganabharathi: Sarod recital by Pandit Rajeev Taranath, accompanied by Pandit Udaya Raj Karpoor on tabla, Veene Seshanna Bhavan, Kuvempunagar, **6 pm.**

Sri Krishna Ganasabha: Talk on DVG's 'Mankuthimmana Kagga' by K.S. Mukundan, Sri Krishna Ganasabha, 6th Main, 3rd Stage, Gokulam, **6 pm to 7 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (FEB.24)

Chandramouleshwara Temple, V.V. Mohalla: Mahashivaratri, various abhishekas, archane and pujas, Temple premises, **6 am to 1.30 pm and 4 pm to 7 am next day (Feb. 25).**

Sankashta Mochana Maruti Mandira: Mahashivaratri Special Puja Mahotsava, Sri Krishnamohananandagiri Goswamijji graces the occasion, **8 am;** Bhajans by Saptadri Bhajana Mandali, **12 noon to 2 pm;** Bhajans by Sri Kollapuradamma Bhajana Mandali, **3 pm to 5 pm;** Talk by Dr. Sri Sadhwi Prachi Dedi, Temple premises, Shivarampet, **5 pm.**

Sri Kameshwara Kameshwari Temple Dharmika haagu Samskrutika Kainkarya Sabha, Ramanuja Road, Palace Muzrai Sasmthe and Kannada & Culture Department, Mysuru: Mahashivaratri celebrations, Yekadashavara Rudrabhisheka to Vijaya Vishweswaraswamy, **8.30 am;** Utsava, **12 noon;** Mahamanagalarati, **12.30 pm;** Cultural programmes, **10 am onwards.**

Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashrama: Mahashivaratri celebrations, Srichakra Puja, Maha Ganapati Homa, Maha Rudra Homa Poornahuti, **9 am;** Release of Sri Swamiji's Biography in Russian language, Benedictions, etc., **10 am;** Rudrabhisheka to Sachchidanandeshwara Shiva Linga by Sri Swamiji, **6 pm;** Sahasra Kalashabhisheka to Shiva Linga by devotees, Rendition of Sri Swamiji's Dwadasha Jyotirlinga Bhajans - Musical Ensemble led by mridanga Vid. Shivashankaraswamy, **7 pm;** Abhisheka to Shiva Linga - 11 times chanting Rudra Prasna Veda Mantras and different decorations to Shiva Linga, Karnatak Saxophone recital by Vidu. Lavanya, Ashrama premises, Ooty Road, **10 pm.**

Ambabhavani: Sri Mahalingeshwara Swamy Anniversary and Mahashivaratri celebrations, abhishekas and pujas, **morning;** Devotional Songs by Nagendra and troupe, **4 pm;** Shiva Deepotsava, Sri Shivachatrapati Ambabhavani Temple Trust President and former Legislator E. Maruthirao Pawar inaugurates, **7 pm;** Dance 'Daksha Yajna' by students of Ganesh Nrutyalaya, **7.30 pm;** Devotional Songs by Marisiddamma and troupe, **10 pm to 1 am next day (Feb. 25).**

Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha (KRRS), Dalit Sangharsha Samithi (DSS) and other organisations: Open Meet on 'Demonetisation,' Maharaja College Centenary Hall, **10.30 am.**

Prajapita Brahmakumari Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya, Mysuru: Golden Jubilee celebrations, Gyana Vigyana Divya Darshana Mela, 81st Trimurty Shiva Jayanti Mahotsava, MLA G.T. Devegowda chief guest, former Mayor B.L. Bhyrappa guest of honour, MLA Vasu presides, ISKCON Bengaluru Mahadharmadhikari Ravi Kumar Patel and BVB Madikeri Chairman K.S. Devaiah special guests, BK Lakshmiji will be present, Maharaja College, **11 am.**

Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama: Annual Celebrations - Sri Mahashivarathri, Girija Kalyana - Musical Rendition by Vanivadiraj and party, **5.45 pm to 6.45 pm;** Arati to Lord Shiva & Special Bhajans, Ashrama premises, Yadayagiri, **7.30 pm to 8.15 pm.**

Sri Paramahamsa Yoga Mahavidyalaya, T.K. Layout: Mahashivaratri, free lecture and workshop on *'Shiva Dhyana, Mantropadesha and Poorvajanma Chikitsegala Mahatva'* under the guidance of Yoga Praveena Shivaprakash Guruji and Poorvajanma Chikitsaka Malatesh Guruji, **6 pm to 9 pm.**

Sri Vedavidya Prasarini Sabha: Discourse on 'Sampoorna Srimadramanayana by Dr. K.S. Narayanacharya, Sarada Vilas Centenary Hall, Krishnamurthypuram, **6.15 pm.**

Parivarthana: Staging of play 'Raavi Nadiya Dandeyalli,' Kalamandira, **7 pm.**

Taralabalu Samagama: Mahashivaratri celebrations, special programmes, talk on 'Mahashivaratri' by Dr. H.T. Shailaja, music programme by Dr. Shehasri Nirmalakumar and troupe, students hostel premises, Tilak Nagar, **7.30 pm.**

EVENTS ON SATURDAY (FEB.25)

Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashrama: Mahashivaratri celebrations, Music concert by eminent artistes, **12 midnight;** Shiva Bhajans, Divyanama Sankeertana and discourse by Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamiji, **2 am;** Maha Mangala Arati to Shiva Linga, Teertha and Prasada distribution, Ashrama premises, Ooty Road, **6 am.**

Sri Kameshwara Kameshwari Temple Dharmika haagu Samskrutika Kainkarya Sabha, Ramanuja Road, Palace Muzrai Sasmthe and Kannada & Culture Department, Mysuru: Mahashivaratri celebrations, cultural programmes, **12 midnight to 5 am.**

Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama: Annual Celebrations, Swami Vivekananda Day, Youth Retreat for Degree College Girls — Talk 1: Swami Anupamanandaji, Secretary, Ramakrishna Mission, Tirupati [Topic: Swami Vivekanandaru Bayasida Sevege Siddhariruvira?]; Talk 2: Chakravarthy Sulibele, well-known orator [Subject: Naari Dhanyatege Daari], **9 am to 1 pm;** Youth Retreat for Degree College Boys — Talk 1: Swami Anupamanandaji [Subject: Niswartha Seve Saadhyave?]; Talk 2: Chakravarthy Sulibele [Subject: Dheeratanave Naijabala], **2 pm to 5 pm;** Special Bhajan by Ramakrishna Hari Bhajana Mandali, Chennai, Ashrama premises, Yadayagiri, **6 pm to 7.30 pm.**

National Institute of Engineering (NIE), Mysuru: 'Sangeeth Shathranj,' Karnatak classical music competition as a prelude to its annual cultural event 'techNIEks-2017,' Sir M.V. Auditorium, Golden Jubilee Block, NIE, **10 am.**

Prof. Bhashyam Swamiji of Sri Sudarshana Narasimha Kshetra, Vijayanagar, and the Department of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage, Government of Karnataka, in collaboration with Ayodhya Research Institute; ICHR, New Delhi; IGNCA, New Delhi; I-SERVE, New Delhi; IAS, New Delhi & National Museums & NMI, Government of India: Valedictory of International Conference on 'Lord Srirama in Art, Literature and Religion,' Prof. A.V. Narasimhamurthy, Chairman, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan (BVB), Mysuru and Co-Chairman of the Organising Committee of the event, delivers the valedictory address, PWD and District in-Charge Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa chief guest, Dr. Rohitha Eswer of Raasavrunda School of dance, Mysuru, presents a dance feature titled 'Ramasankirthana,' auditorium of the Department of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage, Karnataka Exhibition Authority premises, **3 pm.**

Kalasuruchi: Story telling by Dr. Archana, Dentist, Kuvempunagar, Mysuru, at Suruchi Rangamane, 476, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar, **4.30 pm to 5.30 pm.**

Chandramouleshwara Temple, V.V. Mohalla: Mahashivaratri, Prakarotsava, Temple premises, **7.30 pm.**

Annual Day celebrated

The 12th annual day of Poornaprajna Vidyakendra, Kuvempunagar, was celebrated at Ganabharathi premises recently. MUDA Chairman D. Dhruvakumar** (centre), **who inaugurated the celebrations, is seen with School Committee President J. Lokesh, actress N. Tanusha** (Zee Kannada **Kuniyona Bara Winner and** Colours Kannada **Dancing Star 1st Runner-up), Ranji Cricketer K.B. Pawan, Institute Hon. President G.K. Varadappa, President B. Basavaiah and Secretary Kullegowda. Poornaprajna alumnus N. Rahul, who secured 8th Rank in the State in SSLC exam, was felicitated and also prizes were distributed to the winners of various contests.

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